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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. France - Communist China

a. At the behest of Peiping, Air France is discussing with the Chinese Communists extending its flights into China, possibly to Peiping.

b. The Air France manager in Rangoon, who was ordered by his home office to talk the matter over with the Chinese, has confided to our embassy that the matter now depends on "political developments," and he expects a firm decision within a week.

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2. Chou En-lai's tour

a. The Chinese Communists have asked Royal Dutch Airlines to add another month to the charter of the plane Chou En-lai has been using in Africa.

b. Plans had been for him to return to Peiping in mid-February following state visits to Pakistan and Ceylon on the way.

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c. Chou probably wants to add Zanzibar to his itinerary; possibly Ethiopia as well.

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3. Cuba - Western Europe

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b. Cuba plans [redacted] to restore its balance of trade with the West to reduce its burden on the Communist bloc.

c. A permanent Cuban trade office is to be opened in Brussels at the end of this month to coordinate the whole effort in Western Europe.

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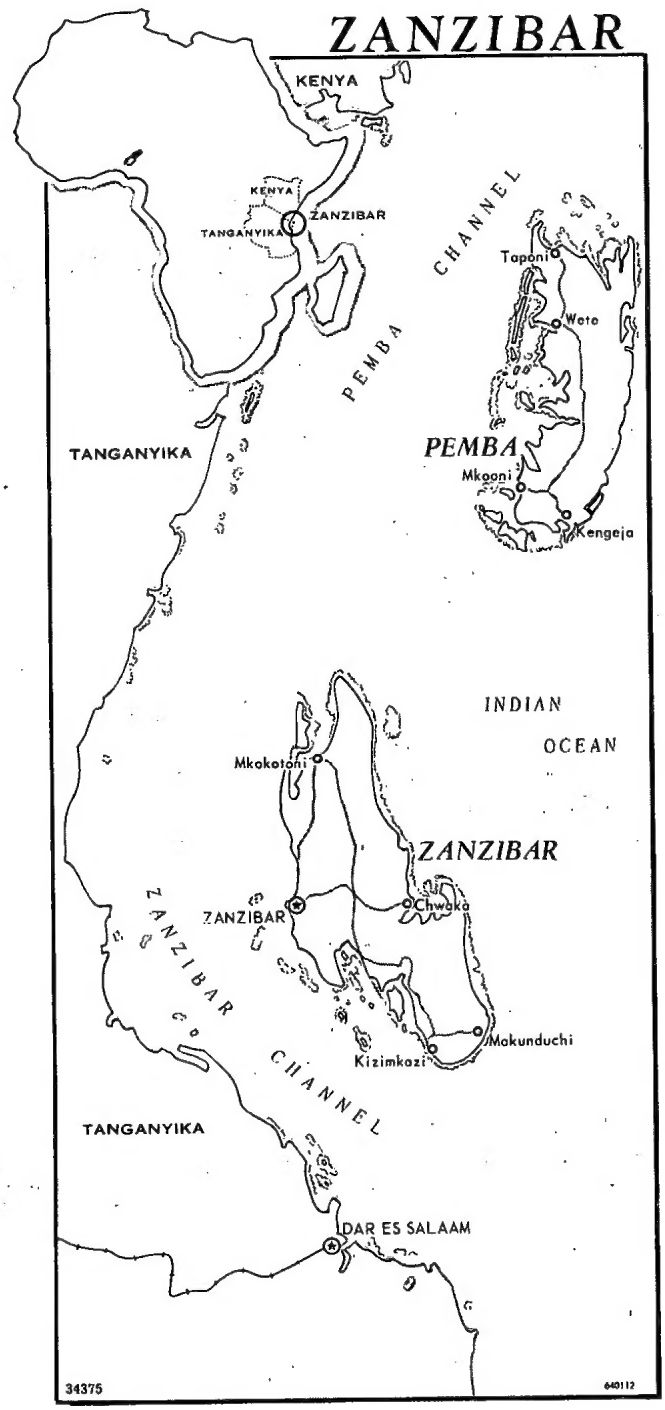

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4. Somalia - Ethiopia

a. [redacted] Ethiopian planes bombed and strafed two Somali police border posts in the disputed Ogaden region.

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5. Zanzibar

a. There have been no significant new developments in the Zanzibar situation.

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6. Panama

a. Last night's demonstration by several thousand students broke up without violence after President Chiari issued a statement promising not to re-establish relations with the US until the US "consented to begin negotiations" for a new treaty.

b. The students' march, to present a petition calling for treaty revisions and Panamanian sovereignty over the Zone, was led by known Communist ringleaders.

c. Another demonstration is being organized for today.

d. [redacted] 50X1
the situation as "tense and unpredictable."

7. Arab Summit

a. The Arab summit will probably conclude with a communiqué today.

b. The only firm development to emerge so far is the restoration of Egyptian-Jordanian relations.

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d. The conference has been noteworthy for the degree of amity exhibited and the appearance of a business-like approach to Arab problems.

8. Laos

a. Souvanna remains aloof as ever from the daily problem and squabbles of his faction-ridden government.

b. With no one around to knock heads together, each faction seems to be going in its own direction, pursuing its own pet schemes.

c. The neutralists still fear a move by the rightists to topple the government in Vientiane and continue to try to arrange the transfer of the seat of government to the royal capital at Luang Prabang. This project will almost certainly fail.

d. The neutralists also anticipate a showdown soon between two factions within the rightist camp, with Vientiane the battleground.

e. If, as seems likely eventually, the situation deteriorates further, Souvanna probably has in mind calling for the Geneva Conference to reconvene to solve his problems for him.

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9. Ecuador

a. Former President Arosemena's plot against the junta seems to be gaining headway.

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NOTES

A. Malaysia-Philippines A meeting soon between Macapagal and Malaysia's Tunku Rahman seems assured with Rahman's statement yesterday that he would be pleased to meet with Macapagal any place, any time, without any conditions.

B. Cyprus The [redacted] Cyprus conference, which convened yesterday to hear opening speeches, may last three or more weeks. 50X1

C. India-Pakistan Communal rioting of the past week in Indian Bengal is being matched by outbreaks in East Pakistan where upward of 300 have been killed in the past two days. As in Calcutta, army units are reinforcing police efforts to restore order and keep the dangerous situation from snowballing.

D. Honduras A plot is afoot among high-ranking military officers, including the defense minister, to overthrow the Lopez regime. [redacted] 50X1

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